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**Process for the Preparation of Amorphous Atorvastatin****Abstract**

Atorvastatin, the substance known by the chemical name [R-(R\*, R\*)]-2-(4-  
5 fluorophenyl)- $\beta$ ,  $\delta$  dihydroxy-5-(1-methylethyl)-3-phenyl-4-[(phenylamino)carbonyl]-1H-  
pyrrole-1-heptanoic acid hemi calcium salt, is readily available in one of its crystalline forms  
as it is known from the prior art. The present invention relates to a novel process for  
preparing atorvastatin in an amorphous form by precipitating the atorvastatin using a solvent  
of a second type from a solution of atorvastatin which is provided with a solvent of a first  
10 type. This process is useful for the conversion of atorvastatin in a crystalline form into  
atorvastatin in an amorphous form.

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